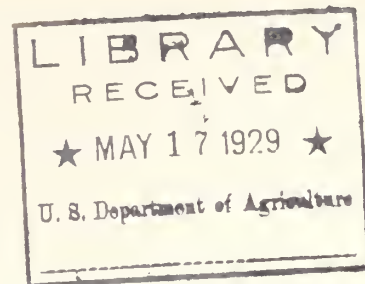


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PARIS EXPOSITION--1889.

ACT OF CONGRESS, MAY 10, 1888.

C. V. RILEY - - REPRESENTATIVE.

M. TRIMBLE. - - SECRETARY.

**U. S. Department of Agriculture,**

EXHIBIT BY THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE,

*Washington, D. C., November 2, 1888.*

By joint resolution approved May 10, 1888, Congress formally accepted the invitation of the French Republic to take part in the Paris Universal Exposition of 1889, and made an appropriation to defray the expenses incident to the collection and installation of the American exhibit. It was provided that a commissioner general, and an assistant commissioner general should be appointed to frame rules and regulations for the undertaking, and, under the direction of the Secretary of State, to control the expenditures to which it might give rise; and that as assistants to the Commissioner General, nine scientific experts, to be assigned to the nine groups into which the French authorities have divided the exposition, should be appointed by the President. It was furthermore made the duty of the Commissioner of Agriculture to collect and prepare suitable specimens of the agricultural productions of the several states and territories.

In accordance with the provisions of this resolution of Congress, arrangements have been duly made between General William B. Franklin, Commissioner General, and Norman J. Colman, Commissioner of Agriculture, for preparing that part of the exhibit for which the latter is responsible.

The undersigned, having been appointed by the President as one of the assistants to the Commissioner General and assigned to Group VIII (agricultural products), has also been designated by the Commissioner of Agriculture as his representative to prepare the agricultural exhibit, and a board has been formed in the Department of Agriculture, consisting of the undersigned, Mr. William Saunders, Mr. O. D. La Dow, Mr. M. Trimble, and Dr. D. E. Salmon, to consider and decide upon all questions relating to the agricultural exhibit.

A sub-division of the work into various branches has been made, to facilitate the collecting and preparing of material for the exhibit, and special agents have been assigned as follows:

**1. Grains**—Mr. George William Hill of St. Paul, Minn.

**2. Citrous and other Fruits**—Mr. H. E. Van Deman of the Department of Agriculture, Washington.

- 3. Cotton and Fibres**—Col. Jas. R. Binford of Duck Hill, Miss, and Mr. Charles Richards Dodge of Boston, Mass.
- 4. Viticulture**—Mr. B. F. Clayton of New York, and Mr. George Husmann of Napa City, Cal.
- 5. Tobacco and Peanuts**—Mr. Alexander Mc Donald of Lynchburg, Va.
- 6. Agricultural Education and Experiment Stations**—Professor W. O. Atwater of this Department.
- 7. Vegetables, including Hops and Cranberries**—Mr. M. G. Kern of St. Louis, Mo.
- 8. Entomology, including Apiculture and Silk Culture**—The undersigned, Mr. N. W. Mc Lean of Hinsdale Ill. and Mr. Phillip Walker of this Department.
- 9. Forestry**—Professor B. E. Fernow of this Department, and Mr. M. G. Kern of St. Louis, Mo.
- 10. Sorghum and other Sugar Plants**—Professer H. W. Wiley of this Department.
- 11. Grasses and Forage Plants**—Dr George Vasey of this Department.
- 12 Meat Products**—Dr. D. E. Salmon of this Department

In addition to the foregoing divisions of the exhibit the heads of Divisions of the Department of Agriculture have been called upon to make contributions in their several specialties as follows :

**Methods of collecting and of sending out seeds**—Mr. W. M. King.

**Mammals and birds injurious or beneficial to agriculture**—Dr. C. Hart Merriam.

**Illustrations of the principal fungus diseases of agricultural products**—Prof. B. T. Galloway.

**Illustrations of the methods of discriminating between adulterated and pure food products by microscopic methods**—Dr. Thomas Taylor.

**General Agricultural Statistics**—Mr. J. R. Dodge.

The attention of all who intend or wish to become contributors to the agricultural exhibit, is called to the necessity of putting themselves into communication with this office, either directly by mail, or through the special agents who are already in the field. The time remaining, though ample, if exhibitors are prompt in making their purposes known, is yet so short as to leave little margin for delay.

It is intended as far as practicable to show not only the varied products of the country by samples, but also by means of photographs and models, the methods and processes of cultivating, harvesting and preparing for the market.

While it is the purpose of the Commissioner to make the display one that will be creditable to the country at large, yet the advantages to follow from the spread of information, among foreign peoples, as to the great variety and unrivaled qualities of American agricultural productions, are designed to accrue directly to the individuals and associations who may contribute of their products to the enterprise. The name and locality of the exhibitor will be plainly affixed to every exhibit, and will appear, as well, in the official catalogues of the Exposition.

Materials contributed in bulk will be placed in suitable receptacles for display, at this office, and all exhibits will be transported to Paris, cared for, and returned free of cost to the exhibitor.

Organizations desiring to prepare, at their own expense, more elaborate exhibits of the products of a given locality should communicate at once the extent of floor or wall space they desire.

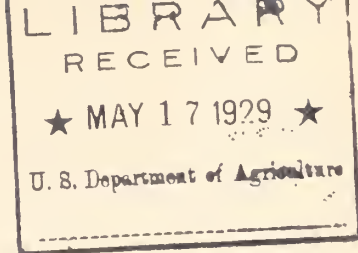
All materials designed for the Agricultural exhibit must be in Washington not later than the middle of January 1889, and must be carefully addressed to the undersigned and marked, as must all letters, *Paris Exposition*.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "C. V. Riley," with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

*Representative.*



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## U. S. Department of Agriculture,

EXHIBIT BY THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE,

*Washington, D. C., October 12, 1888.*

DEAR SIR :

Kindly fill out the following with such brief statments as will cover the several points named, so that this with similar accounts from other institutions may make a useful summary for publication. Please return in envelope herewith to U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

1. Name of institution.

2. Date of organization and authority under which it was organized—State or National.

3. Number and constitution of faculty ; past and present.

4. Number of students ; past and present.

5. Courses of study.

6. Methods of instruction.



## 7. Equipment and appliances for instruction.

## 8. Revenue ; sources and amounts.

9. General statements regarding history, organization, work, progress and tendencies of the institution.

Lined area for writing the response to question 9.